

CODE OF CONDUCT

A Blueprint for Living and Learning

Sugar Creek Charter School

INTRODUCTION

Sugar Creek Charter School is dedicated to providing a first rate education which is the birthright of every individual. At Sugar Creek Charter School all children will learn and be equipped with the skills necessary to reason, communicate, and live with dignity in our society.

The Sugar Creek Charter School's Code of Conduct has been designed to guide the efforts of teachers and staff in creating a safe, orderly environment and to reinforce the primary mission of the School: rigorous academic learning. The Code, which states clearly all school wide rules governing student behavior as well as the consequences for breaking the rules, will serve as a contract among parents, students, and staff.

Embracing the principles outlined herein is a first and vital step toward creating the type of environment in which our children can thrive. It will not only minimize physical harm and disruption among students, but it will help establish among all members of the School community the habits that characterize a civil society. This is our Code, a blueprint for living and learning.

SCHOOL-WIDE STANDARDS FOR SUCCESS

Staff, Students, and parents at the Sugar Creek Charter School will work together to help each student reach his or her full potential in academic achievement and moral maturity. Toward this end, staff will make every effort to keep students focused on the following ten character virtues, our Standards for Success in school, the workplace, and society at large.

- **Compassion:** to be responsive and warmhearted towards others
- **Responsibility:** to fulfill one's obligations in a timely manner
- **Courage:** to act bravely and honorably when there is risk involved
- **Citizenship:** to do good deeds for the common good and to follow the rules of the community
- **Respect:** to treat others and oneself with courtesy and care
- **Kindness:** to care for others by offering help and showing gratitude
- **Honesty/Integrity:** to be sincere in character, words, and deeds
- **Perseverance:** to demonstrate "stick-to-it-ness"
- **Gratitude:** to appreciate others and our environment
- **Self-discipline:** to manage one's time and energy wisely

SCHOOL-WIDE “BE A BUILDER” PROGRAM

Students at the Sugar Creek Charter School will take pride in their efforts to follow the School’s motto, “I’m a Builder. By my actions I’m helping myself and others.” The staff at Sugar Creek Charter School believes in helping kids acquire the assets they will need to succeed in life. Our “Be a Builder” program is based on the 40 developmental assets. Research by the Search Institute has identified 40 developmental assets that have a tremendous influence on children’s lives. These 40 developmental assets help the child and adolescents make wise decisions, choose positive paths, and grow up to be competent, caring and responsible. Monthly themes have been created to reinforce these assets in everyday life.

September: *Compassion*

Theme: Building Unity and School Spirit

October: *Responsibility*

Theme: Building Competence

November: *Courage*

Theme: Building Strengths/Glad to Be Me

December: *Citizenship*

Theme: Building our Community Through Service

January: *Respect*

Theme: Building respect

February: *Kindness*

Theme: Building Others Through Kindness

March: *Honesty/Integrity*

Theme: Building Character

April: *Perseverance*

Theme: Building Life Long Learners

May: *Gratitude*

Theme: Building our Environment

June: *Self-discipline*

Building Fitness and Fun